

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method of activating a prepaid telephony account, the method comprising:
receiving a call from a caller at a prepaid service destination address identified by a
prepaid calling card;
receiving a prepaid card number of the caller;
receiving a destination number;
receiving an origination address of the caller;
providing a message to the caller including an offer to associate a prepaid account
corresponding to the prepaid calling card with the origination address of the
caller;
receiving a response to the message from the caller; and
associating a long distance service code with the origination address of the caller based
on the response to the message.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the long distance service code is a
presubmitted interexchange carrier code.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising connecting the call to the
destination number.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the call to the destination number is a long
distance call.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
requesting a personal identification number from the caller;
receiving the personal identification number from the caller; and
storing the personal identification number.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising evaluating the origination address with respect to an address ~~eriteria~~ criterion.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the address ~~eriteria~~ criterion is used to screen payphones.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the address criteria is used to identify customers of a particular service vendor.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the origination address is associated with a subscriber residential telephone device.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing a second message to the caller, the message including a request to change long distance carriers.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing a second message to the caller, the message including a request to change local service providers.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising prompting the caller to request the prepaid card number and the destination number.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising assigning a prepaid class of service to a subscriber account identified by the origination address.

14. – 27. (Cancelled).

28. (Previously presented) A prepaid account stored in a computer system, the prepaid account comprising:

subscriber identity data;

network address information associated with the subscriber identity data;

prepaid usage data to identify a number of prepaid usage units available for use of a

telephony service, the telephony service automatically accessible from a

telephone network address identified by the network address information; and

recharge information including local exchange carrier account information.

29. (Original) The prepaid account of claim 28, wherein additional prepaid usage units may be provided based on a payment status check of a subscriber associated with the local exchange carrier account information.

30. – 42. (Cancelled).

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the message to the caller includes providing an offer made by an automated prompt.

44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the automated prompt comprises a computer-generated message from an interactive voice response unit.

45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the message to the caller includes providing an offer communicated by a live human operator.

46. (Currently amended) The prepaid account of claim 28, wherein the number of prepaid usage units ~~are~~ is selectively increased based on a test of credit worthiness related factors.